

## Message Text

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ACTION EB-07

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FM USINT BAGHDAD  
TO AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS  
INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 4564

C O N F I D E N T I A L BAGHDAD 0841

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: EMIR, IZ  
SUBJECT: POSSIBLE URANIUM DISCOVERY IN IRAQI WESTERN DESERT

1. USUALLY RELIABLE SOURCE REPORTS THAT BELGIAN  
COMPANY SYBETRA FOUND SIGNIFICANT QUANTITIES OF  
URANIUM IN CHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF PHOSPHATE ORES IN IRAQI  
WESTERN DESERT. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION  
WHICH EMBASSY CAN OBTAIN FROM SYBETRA TO VERIFY REPORT.  
COMPANY'S ADDRESS IS BOULEVARD DE L'EMPRICE, 66 BRUSSELS  
1000, PHONE 5138640.

2. FOR EMBASSY'S INFORMATION, IRAQI GOVERNMENT IN  
JANUARY 1976 AWARDED SYBETRA CONTRACTS FOR MINING  
COMPLEX (VALUE: 93 MILLION DOLLARS) AND CHEMICAL  
COMPLEX (VALUE: 650 MILLION DOLLARS) IN FIVE PHASE  
IRAQI PROGRAM TO DEVELOP PHOSPHATE DEPOSITS OF WESTERN  
DESERT. COMPLEX IS LOCATED AT AKASHAT NEAR SYRIAN BORDER.  
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